GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2287
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2007
BABA SAHEB AMBEDKAR SMARAK
Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Mane Smt. Nivedita

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Maharashtra has sought permission from the Government to acquire Indu Mill No. 6, National Textiles Corporation, Mumbai to construct the Baba Saheb Ambedkar Smarak;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) the reasons for the delay in giving approval to the said proposal; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be handed over to the State Government?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) to (d): The issue was discussed with Chief Minister of Maharashtra & Principal Secretary of Government of Maharashtra, and it was desired by Government of Maharashtra to submit the layout plan of India United Mill No.6 (INDU Mill) to Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) for approval on stand alone basis with provision of surrendering 33% of open land to MCGM and 37% of open land to Maharashtra Housing & Area Development Authority (MHADA) in the same mills as the National Textile Corporation (NTC) had earlier submitted the development plan of all the mills in an integrated manner. Accordingly a separate layout of Indu Mill No.6 has been filed with MCGM.

It may be stated here that the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) and Group of Ministers (GOM) have, in-principle, approved construction of a world class 72 storey India International Trade Tower (IIIT) on the land of Indu Mill No. 6, Mumbai, as a part of the Revival Scheme for NTC. This landmark project will not only create considerable employment but also attract huge foreign exchange to the country. In the backdrop of above, the issue was later examined by renowned architects and it was not found feasible to develop world class tower on this mill land if above said land is surrendered from mill land of INDU mill No. 6. Accordingly, this was informed to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra also.